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Pleasants County PSD Approved For Federal Funding To Extend Public Water Service

Morgantown, WV – June 19, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Loan of \$236,000 and Grant of \$198,000 for the Pleasants County Public Service District, Pleasants County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend public water service in Pleasants County. Construction will consist of approximately 12 miles of waterline, a pressure reducing station and necessary appurtenances. This project is the second phase of a multiple phase project.

Steptoe remarked, "The project will benefit approximately 50 new customers within the Calcutta and Wiley areas of Pleasants County, helping to improve their quality of life."

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